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1. WE DO NOT WISH TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TOWARD

CONSULTATIONS IN THE OECD WHILE THE ITC ESCAPE
CLAUSE RECOMMENDATION IS PENDING BEFORE THE PRESIDENT
SINCE THIS COULD LEAD TO DOMESTIC CRITICISM THAT
THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS OVERTLY ATTEMPTING TO GENERATE
INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THE
PRESIDENT'S DECISION. IN FACT, ALL PARTIES HAVE HAD
THE CHANCE TO PRESENT VIEWS DURING THE ITC HEARINGS
AND THESE COMMENTS ARE, OF COURSE, KNOWN TO THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WISH TO BE AS FORTHCOMING
AS POSSIBLE IN THE OECD UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
MISSION IS THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO TELL OTHER DELS
AND THE SECRETARIAT THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED, IF THE
SUBJECT IS RAISED BY OTHERS, TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN
THE TRADE COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE ALLOY
STEEL CASE, THE LEGAL PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THE ITC
PROPOSALS WILL BE EXAMINED, AND THE DETAILS OF THE ITC
ADVICE ITSELF. WE WILL, OF COURSE, LISTEN TO ANY FURTHER
COMMENTS OTHERS MAY MAKE.

3. IF PRESSED, WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE A CALL FOR MORE
FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE FINAL DETERMINATION
IS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, WE COULD NOT BE
MORE FORTHCOMING IN FORMAL CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE
PRESIDENT ACTS THAN WE CAN BE IN THE TRADE COMMITTEE
MEETING ITSELF. FYI: WE EXPECT SEVERAL OECD MEMBERS
WILL BE PRESENTING FURTHER VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE VIA
FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT WISH
TO ENCOURAGE SUCH REPRESENTATIONS, BUT FEEL THIS TO BE
A PREFERABLE MEANS OF PROVIDING FURTHER COMMENTS, AS
COMPARED TO FORMAL CONSULTATIONS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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